GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1549
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FREE SALE OF LEVY SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enquiry into free sale of levy sugar by some sugar mills has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against such sugar mills;

(c) whether the sale of levy sugar is covered by the Essential Commodities Act, 1955; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in taking action against such sugar mills?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): As reported by the State Government of Maharashtra, one M/s Kisanveer SSK Ltd. Bhuinj had sold 2728.6 M.Ts of levy sugar stock in the open market in contravention of Clause 2 of the Levy Sugar Supply (Control) Order, 1979 notified under Section 3(5) (1) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Accordingly, the Government has taken the following actions:

(i) 2728.6 M.Ts of free sale sugar out of 2005-06 season`s production has been apportioned towards levy sugar account;

(ii) Show Cause Notice has been issued to the said mill for taking action against it under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.